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General Evaluation of Operational Intelligence Produced by
AEMOBILE Cases.

RE: Your oral request.

1. Attached is my evaluation of operational intelligence provided by AEMOBILE cases 5, 6, 22, 24, 26 and 27.

2. A separate evaluation by TSS/ID of document intelligence received from the same cases is also attached.

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EVALUATION OF OPERATIONAL INTELLIGENCE PRODUCED BY AVNOBLE (RIS) 1A1

This evaluation of operational intelligence produced by AVNOBLE comes relates to data received from the following agents until the time of their capture or up to the present time: AVNOBLEs 24 and 26 (captured in 1954), 5, 6, 22 and 27 (current).

The above agents have furnished a greater volume of useful operational intelligence than any other six US agents. In addition, we have received more information from all except 22 and 27 than any other single agent.

The data has been of considerable value because the sources were living in the USSR under conditions very similar to those facing any future RENCI agent. Hence, their reporting of their problems and the manner in which they solved them is directly applicable to future operations. This is especially true in the fields of obtaining employment and housing, registration with the Militia, and communications. The single most valuable aspect of their information is the insight provided concerning the problem of legalization, and specifically whether a checkback is made by the Militia and/or Oyenkomat to place of former registration or of document issuance, at time of registration at a new address. Although we have various defector opinions and other leads concerning whether such checkbacks are made as a matter of routine, the only way we can know is through interrogation of a Militia employee closely associated with the passport desk, who unfortunately is not available to us. The next best thing is information from persons who have actually legalized with forged or false documents; such information has been reported by all of the AVNOBLEs.

Comments concerning each agent follow:

AVNOBLE 5 -- Currently strongly suspected of being under RIS control.

Quality and volume of reporting: Excellent

Has reported on purchase of radio batteries; letter mailing procedures; black market transactions; deregistration and release from employment in Minsk; obtaining housing; employment and registration in Kiev and Dzer'kov; new 10-year passport policy.

AVNOBLE 6 -- Believed to be clean.

Volume of reporting: Good

Quality of reporting: Excellent

Purchase of documents; registration and housing in Leningrad; data on 10-year passport.

Deregistration for virgin lands--timely reporting when we were actively engaged in exploitation of virgin lands program to facilitate legalization of an agent. (During planning stage of an operation)

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AEROMOBILE 22 -- Believed to be clean.

Volume of reporting: Fair

Quality of reporting: Fair

Has reported on registration near Astrakhan and ~~near~~ Bryansk on hospitalization procedures and controls.

AEROMOBILE 24 and 26 -- Capture announced summer 1954, thought clean until then.

Quality and volume of reporting: Good to excellent.

Purchase-anonymity spravkas; document issuance; registration, housing and employment in Moscow Oblast.

AEROMOBILE 27 -- Under KGB control.

Quality and quantity of reporting: Fair

Employment, housing and registration in Minsk; obtaining documents illegally; 10-year passport.

In addition to the above, each agent has furnished confirmation of our date on rail travel controls in the western USSR and as far east as Novosibirsk, and has provided a valuable reservoir of information on letters mailed abroad from various areas within the USSR.

The fact that at least one, and probably two, of the above agents are under KGB control provides a basis for analysis of OI reporting by controlled agents, for application to other SK cases.